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FOR A VEHICLE)

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

U.S. Patent No. 5,515,678 and Japanese reference 7-172291 are cited in the specification.

To assist the Examiner, the document is / documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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